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DESE/DDS Residential Prevention Program
Notice of Open Interest Period

Dear Families,

The DESE/DDS Residential Prevention Program is a collaboration between the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) and the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) for DDS-eligible students who are at risk of a future residential placement.

The program provides students and their families:

- The opportunity to have in-home supports, including senior level therapists and skills trainers
- A dedicated navigator agency to identify and hire staff
- Life-long skills development
- Opportunities to practice skills in their home setting and community

This Open Interest period is offered to refresh the list of interested students and families. The DESE/DDS Residential Prevention Program is near capacity; however, new participants are added from the Interest List as spaces become available.

It is a priority of the DESE/DDS Residential Prevention Program to ensure that the program participation request process is fully accessible to all families and children qualified for DDS services and is inclusive of linguistic and cultural diversity.

Written materials are available in the following languages:

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| • Arabic | • Haitian Creole | • Simplified Chinese |
| • Cantonese | • Khmer | • Somali |
| • Cape Verdean Creole | • Nepali | • Spanish |
| • English | • Portuguese (Brazilian) | • Vietnamese |

The DESE/DDS Program has moved to an online system for collecting the names of students who are interested in this Program. Please access the online interest submission here or through the QR code below:
<https://forms.office.com/g/QwjhjkQPzy>

Paper versions of the form can be accessed and printed from the Mass.gov website. Paper forms can be mailed or emailed. Instructions can be found on the form. Please access paper versions of the Interest Form here or through the QR code below: <https://www.mass.gov/dese-dds-program>

For more information on services your child can access, please visit your local Family Support Center. A current listing of centers can be found by visiting: <https://www.mass.gov/dds-family-support>

As a reminder: Expressing interest in the program is not a guarantee of acceptance or enrollment in the program, and all funding is subject to change.



DESE/DDS Program
Description and Paper
Open Interest Forms
QR Code



DESE/DDS Program
Online Open
Interest Submission
QR Code



Family Support
Center QR Code

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